

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment claims 1, 4 – 6, 8 – 18 and 53 will be pending for consideration. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 19 - 52 are canceled, wherein claim 49 is being canceled by the present amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner indicates that claim 49 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Rather than rewriting claim 49, Applicant is canceling claim 49 and rewriting claim 1 to include the allowable recital that was previously presented in claim 49, thus placing claim 1 in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4 – 6, 8 – 18 and 53 are rejected. As noted above, Applicant is placing claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 4 – 6, 8 – 18 and 53 depend from claim 1. By virtue of this dependence, claims 4 – 6, 8 – 18 and 53 are also in condition for allowance.

Applicant is requesting reconsideration and a withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4 – 6, 8 – 18 and 53.

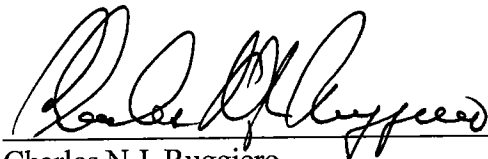
As mentioned above, Applicant is rewriting claim 1 to include the allowable recital that was previously presented in claim 49. Applicant is also amending claim 1 to (a) delete a phrase, i.e., “wherein the buffering device comprises a microprocessor”, that Applicant believes is not necessary for patentability, and (b) distinguish between messages by designating a first message and a second message. Applicant is amending claims 4, 5, 13 – 18 and 53 for consistency with claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests

favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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